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WORLD WIDE TROUBLE-SHOOTER

TREASURY AGENT PETE TRASK MEETS HIS TWIN IN...

TROUBLE'S DOUBLE



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what happens
when a **RED AGENT**
who is a perfect double
impersonates
the intrepid
T-MAN



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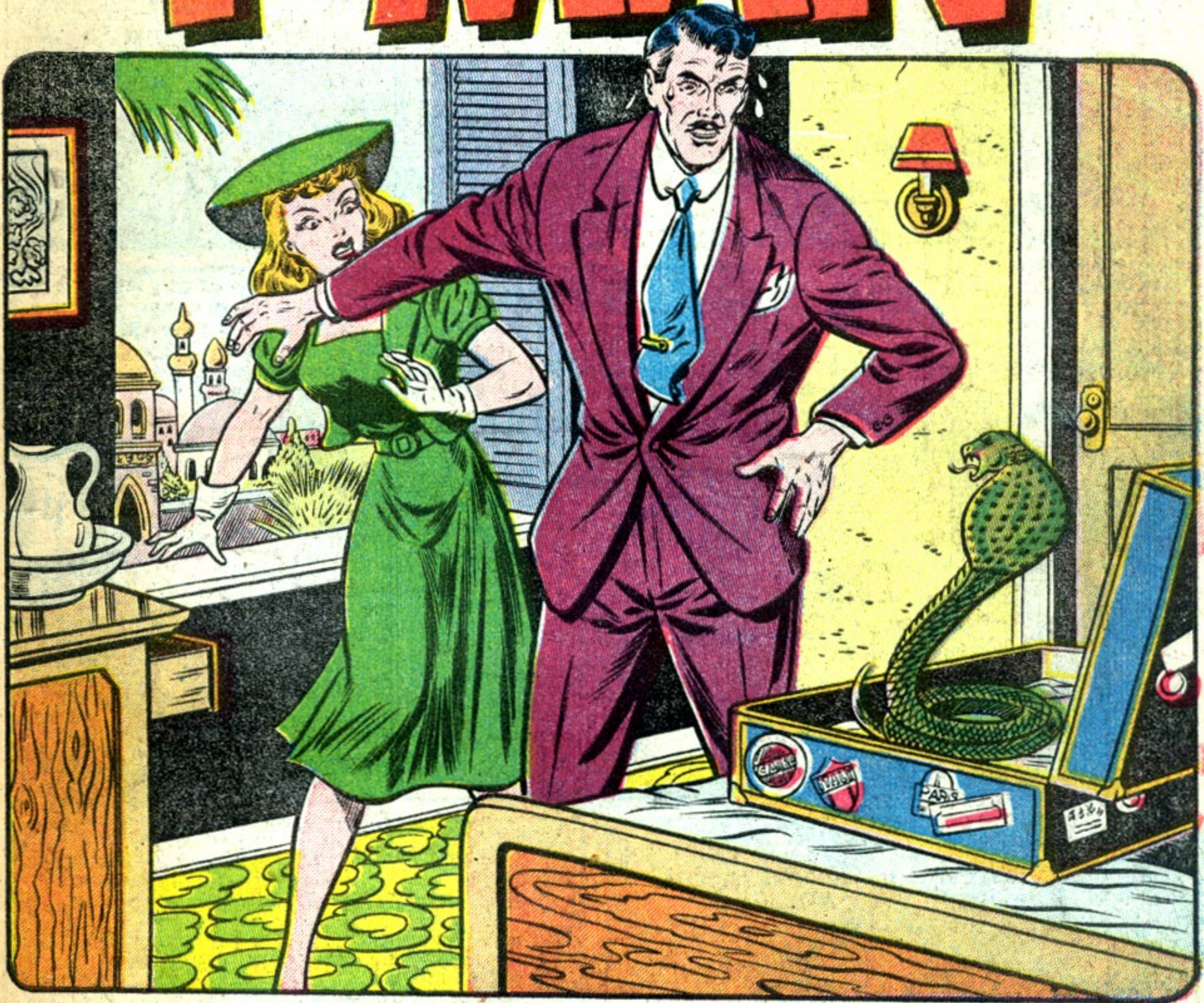
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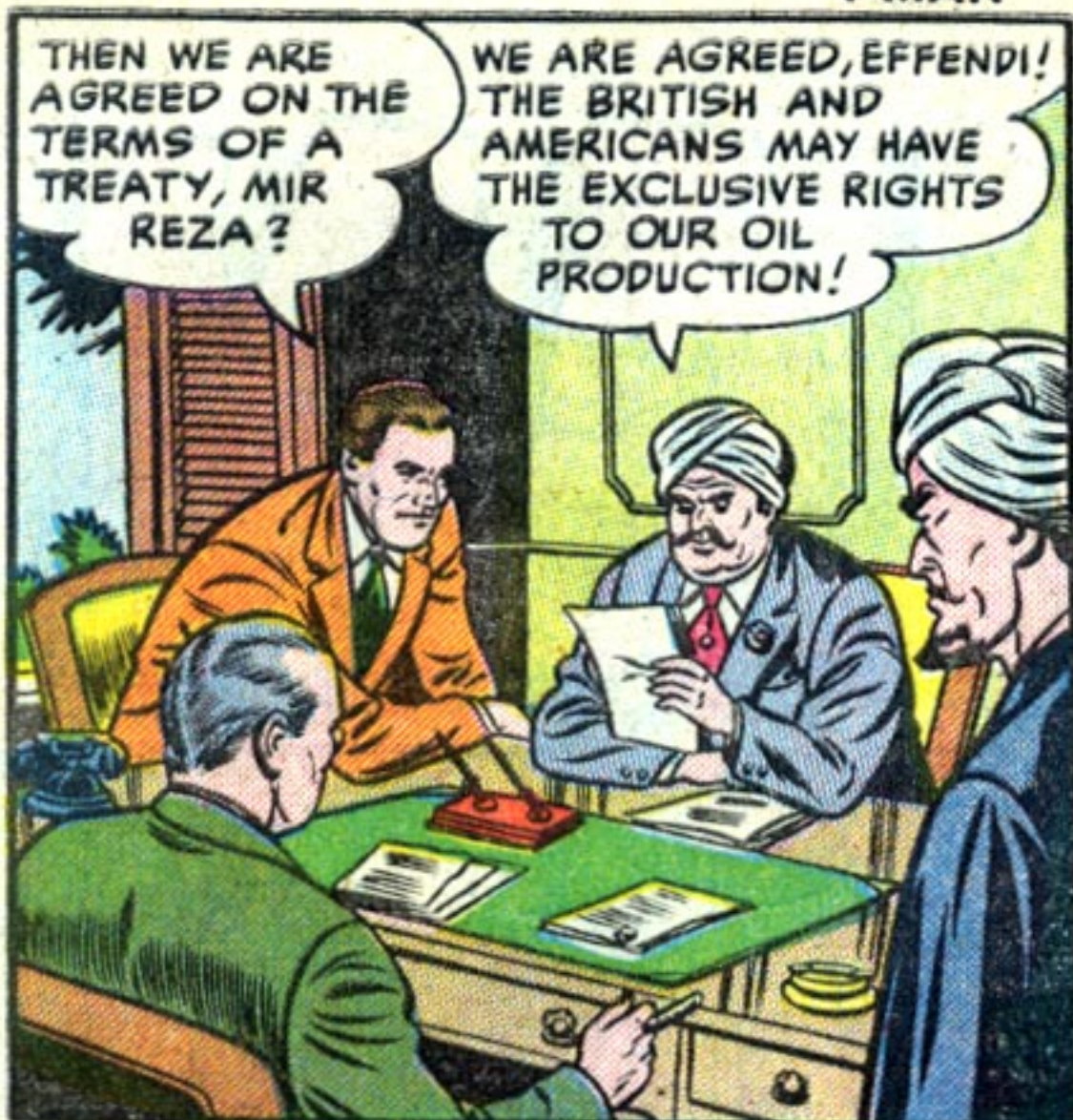
T-MAN



YOU THINK THIS IS TROUBLE? HAH! JUST STICK AROUND AND SEE THE THINGS THAT CAN HAPPEN TO AN INNOCENT T-MAN WHEN HIS BACK IS TURNED! WITH THE FREE WORLD AND REDS SCRAMBLING FOR SUPPORT OF THE ISLAM NATIONS, ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN, AND I THOUGHT I WAS READY! BUT EVEN WITH MY CRAZY EXPERIENCES, I'D NEVER FIGURED ON FINDING MYSELF...

TROUBLE'S DOUBLE!

IN THE AZ SHAHL HOTEL, NEAR IRAN'S GREAT OIL FIELDS, A WEEK OF SECRET DIPLOMATIC MEETINGS DRAWS TO A CLOSE!



THEN WE ARE AGREED ON THE TERMS OF A TREATY, MIR REZA?

WE ARE AGREED, EFFENDI! THE BRITISH AND AMERICANS MAY HAVE THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS TO OUR OIL PRODUCTION!



I SIGN BECAUSE YOU HAVE PROVED YOURSELVES FRIENDS OF IRAN! YOU RESPECT OUR LAWS AND CUSTOMS AS OTHERS DO NOT!

AFTER ALL, MIR REZA, ARE WE NOT SEEKING TO PROMOTE THE DIGNITY OF ALL MANKIND? THAT IS THE WAY A FREE WORLD WOULD HAVE IT!



SUDDENLY...

HOLD IT, MOP-TOP! I'LL TAKE THAT SCRAP OF PAPER!

WHA...? WHO ARE YOU?



TRASK IS THE NAME, CHUM... PETE TRASK, U.S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT! MY ORDERS ARE TO BREAK THIS UP, BUT GOOD!

MAN, ARE YOU INSANE? HAS YOUR GOVERNMENT GONE MAD?



JUST SMART! WHY SHOULD WE SPLIT OIL WHEN WE CAN BRING IN A FEW TROOPS AND TAKE IT ALL? STICK AROUND, BUB! I'VE GOT A PRESENT FOR YOU!



HERE, RAG-HEAD! TAKE THIS LITTLE FELLOW HOME AND BARBECUE HIM FOR BREAKFAST!

EEEEHH! A PIG! THE INSULT BEYOND ALL INSULTS TO A MOSLEM!

OINK! OINK!

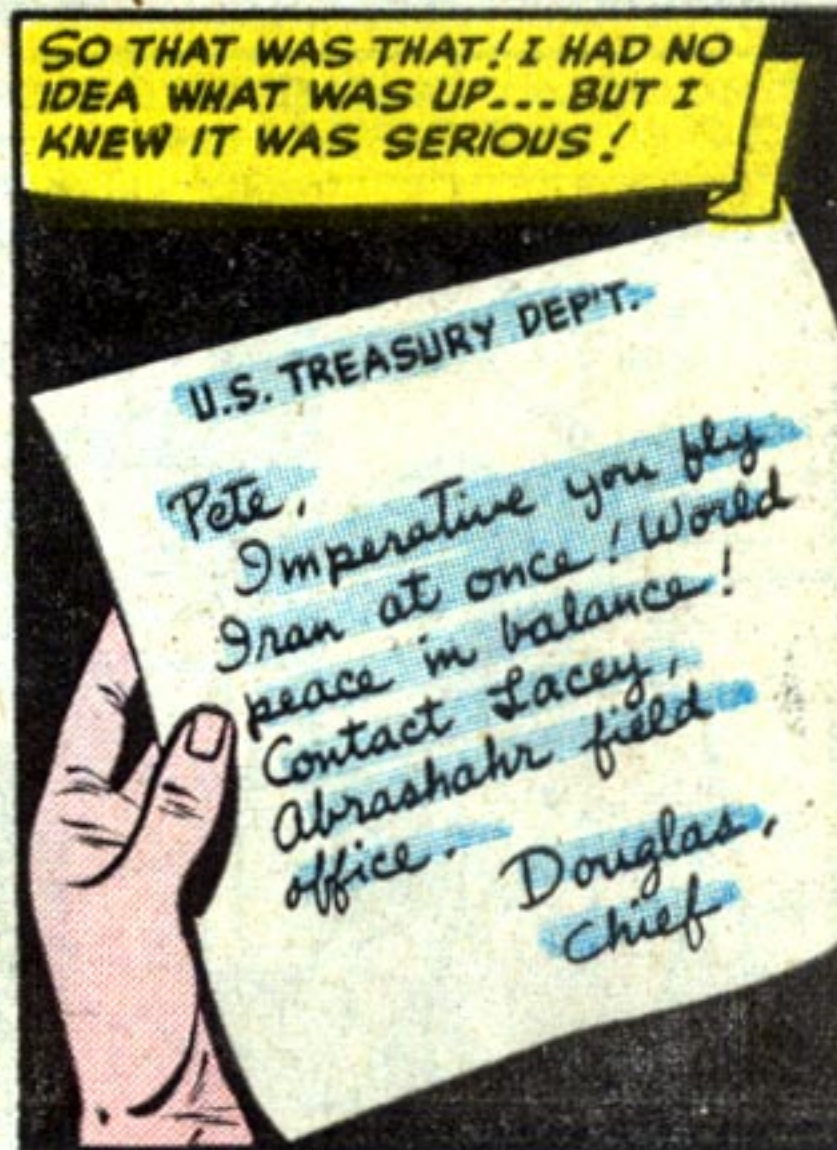


LUNATIC! MADMAN! WAIT UNTIL YOUR GOVERNMENT...OOOFF!

TAKE IT UP WITH WASHINGTON, KIDDO! AND SEE HOW FAR YOU GET!



There WERE LOTS OF THINGS WRONG WITH WHAT HAPPENED IN IRAN! BUT THE CHIEF ONE WAS THAT I WAS TEN THOUSAND MILES AWAY THE NIGHT IT HAPPENED!





Then, FOR THE FIRST TIME, I GOT THE WHOLE COCKEYED STORY... SO FAR AS OUR DEPARTMENT KNEW IT!



IT TOOK A LOT OF TALKING, BUT WE FINALLY GOT WHAT MIGHT BE LAUGHINGLY CALLED A CHANCE!

JUST HOLD OFF UNTIL I FIND THIS EGG, SIR! YOU'LL KNOW WHICH OF US IS WHICH BY HIS BLACK EYES!

VERY WELL! YOU HAVE 24 HOURS! FIND THIS IMPOSTER AND PROVE YOUR FANTASTIC STORY AND I WILL RECONSIDER THE TREATY!

TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, HE SAYS! HOW GENEROUS CAN YOU GET?

STOP BEEFING! THAT'S 24 HOURS MORE THAN I THOUGHT WE'D GET! JUST GET OUT AND PERFORM MIRACLES! FIND A LEAD, SOMEHOW!

PAL, I'VE GOT A LEAD... WITH A GIRL! I'VE GOT TO FIND HER! SHE MAY BE THE KEY TO ALL THIS!

AT A TIME LIKE THIS, HE CAN THINK OF **GIRLS!**

I COULD THINK OF ONE GIRL... THE ONE WHO MIGHT LEAD ME TO MY DEADLY DOUBLE...

SHE CAME OUT OF THE FAWIZ! IF I CAN FIND HER, SHE CAN TELL ME HOW SHE MET THE GUY WHO PRETENDED TO BE ME!

SHE'S AMERICAN, ABOUT FIVE FEET TWO, BLUE EYES...

BUT EFFENDI, YOU ASKED ABOUT MISS LORNA MARCEY ONLY TEN MINUTES AGO AND I TOLD YOU THEN... ROOM 412!

SUDDENLY I WAS COLD ALL OVER...

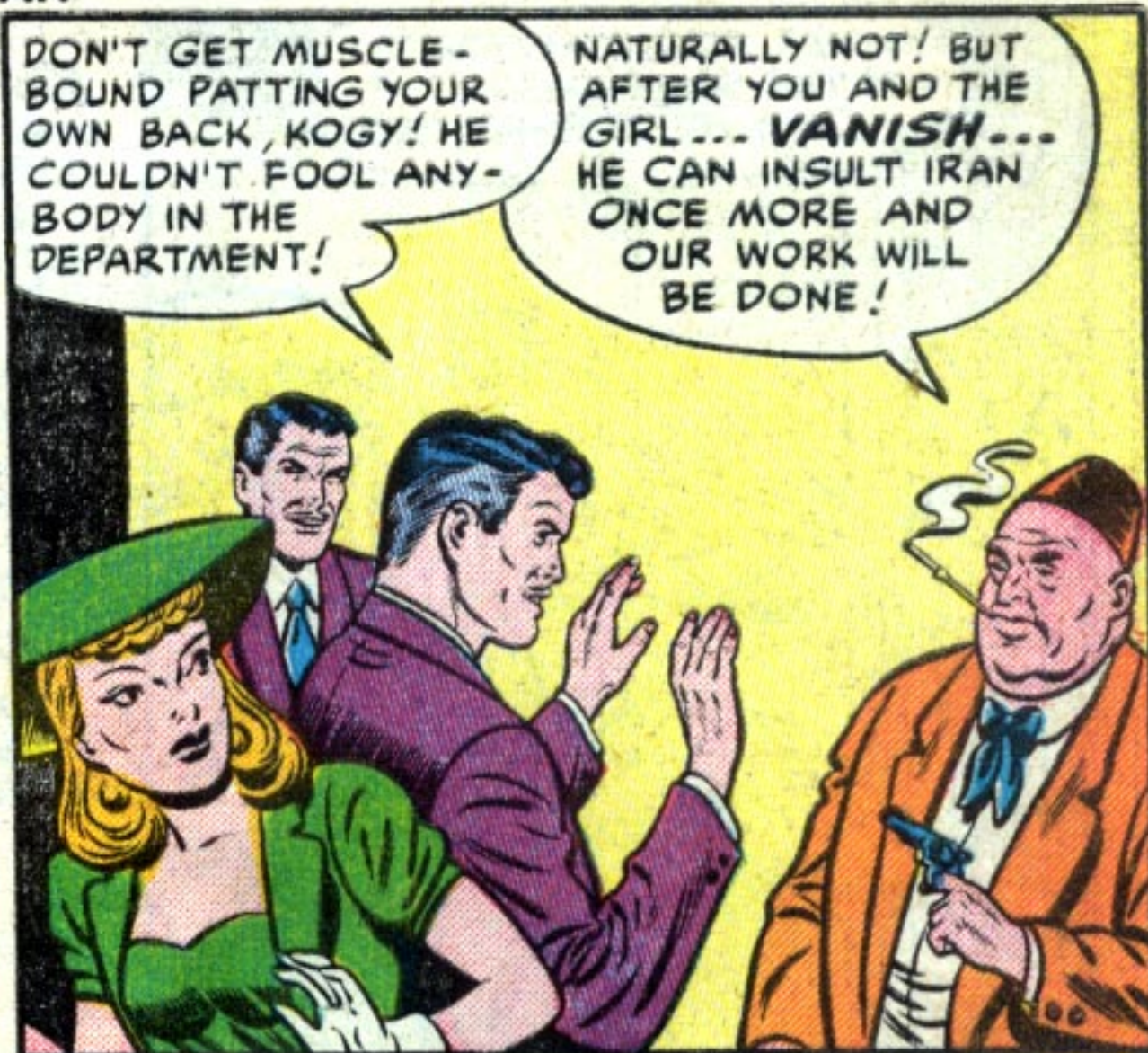
I SAY, OLD CHAP...

ONE SIDE, BUSTER! THIS IS LIFE OR DEATH!

This WAS NO TIME FOR A POLITE KNOCK! I HIT THE DOOR OF 412 WITH EVERYTHING I HAD!

THAT GUY KNOWS I'M IN TOWN... AND KNOWS SHE COULD SPILL HIS BEANS FOR HIM! IF I'M TOO LATE...







NEVER MIND, HONEY! THIS IS THE SAME IDEA... ONLY MORE EFFECTIVE!

KOGOV WAS TOO SORE TO BE CAUTIOUS NOW! OUTSIDE A GUN OPENED UP... AND I WENT INTO A POWER DIVE... TOO FAST TO ENJOY THE SCENERY!



BANG! BANG!

HANG ON, KITTEN! HERE WE GO!

EEEK!

WE HIT THE MAIN FLOOR AND STARTED OUT...



RUN FOR THE STREET AND... EEEOW! KOGOV MUST HAVE SLID DOWN THE BANNISTER!

THERE ARE TELEPHONES IN THE HALLS! HE WOULD CALL THE DESK!

WE SHOT BACK TO THE THIRD FLOOR AND BURST OUT!



CAN'T WE START A FIRE OR SOMETHING TO DRAW THEM OFF?

AFRAID TO, PET! THIS IS A LEGITIMATE HOTEL! WE MIGHT TRAP OLD FOLKS OR CHILDREN! COME ON...



BACK INTO THE ELEVATOR... QUICK!

GET THEM! DON'T LET THEM ESCAPE!



YOU... YOU'RE STOPPING BETWEEN FLOORS, MR. TRASK!

PETE TO YOU, SUGAR! AND THIS IS OUR ONLY HOPE! THEY HAVE ENOUGH GOONS TO COVER EVERY FLOOR IN THIS FLEA-TRAP!



COME ON! I'VE JAMMED THE CONTROLS SO THE CAGE IS LOCKED THERE... I HOPE! THIS IS THE ONLY WAY OUT!

I'M WITH YOU TO THE B-BITTER END... P-PETE!



KOGOV
STARTED TO SWEAR
AND I
SILENCED
HIM QUICKLY!
I KNEW
I HAD TO
ACT
AND ACT
FAST!



SIT DOWN AND
SHUT UP, SCREW-
BALL!

GRAHHH!



THE OTHER
ONE! I'LL
KILL...
OWOOO!



LOOK OUT,
PETE...

There
WAS A
SCATTERED
FUSILADE
OF SHOTS
FROM
BELOW
AND THEN
THE
CHIEF
CAME
GALLOPING
TO THE
RESCUE!



WHERE WERE
YOU WHEN I
REALLY NEEDED
YOU?

PETE, YOU'RE OKAY?
WE WERE TRYING TO
GET IN! THE REDS
HAD THE DOORS
BARRICADED WHEN
THE SHOOTING
STARTED!



STOP MOANING, VASHIL!
BACK IN RUSSIA YOU'D
BE SHOT FOR GETTING
MESSED UP WITH A GIRL
WHEN YOU WERE ON
THE JOB!

I HOPE THEY
SEND HIM BACK!

MIR REZA CAME, SAW, AND APOLOGIZED! AN
OIL TREATY WAS SIGNED THEN AND THERE!

MR. TRASK, I OWE
YOU AN APOLOGY!
IF THERE IS ANYTHING
MY COUNTRY CAN
DO FOR YOU!...

WELL, NOW THAT
YOU MENTION IT,
SIR, THERE MIGHT
BE...



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LIFE... BUT I KNOW FROM EXPERIENCE
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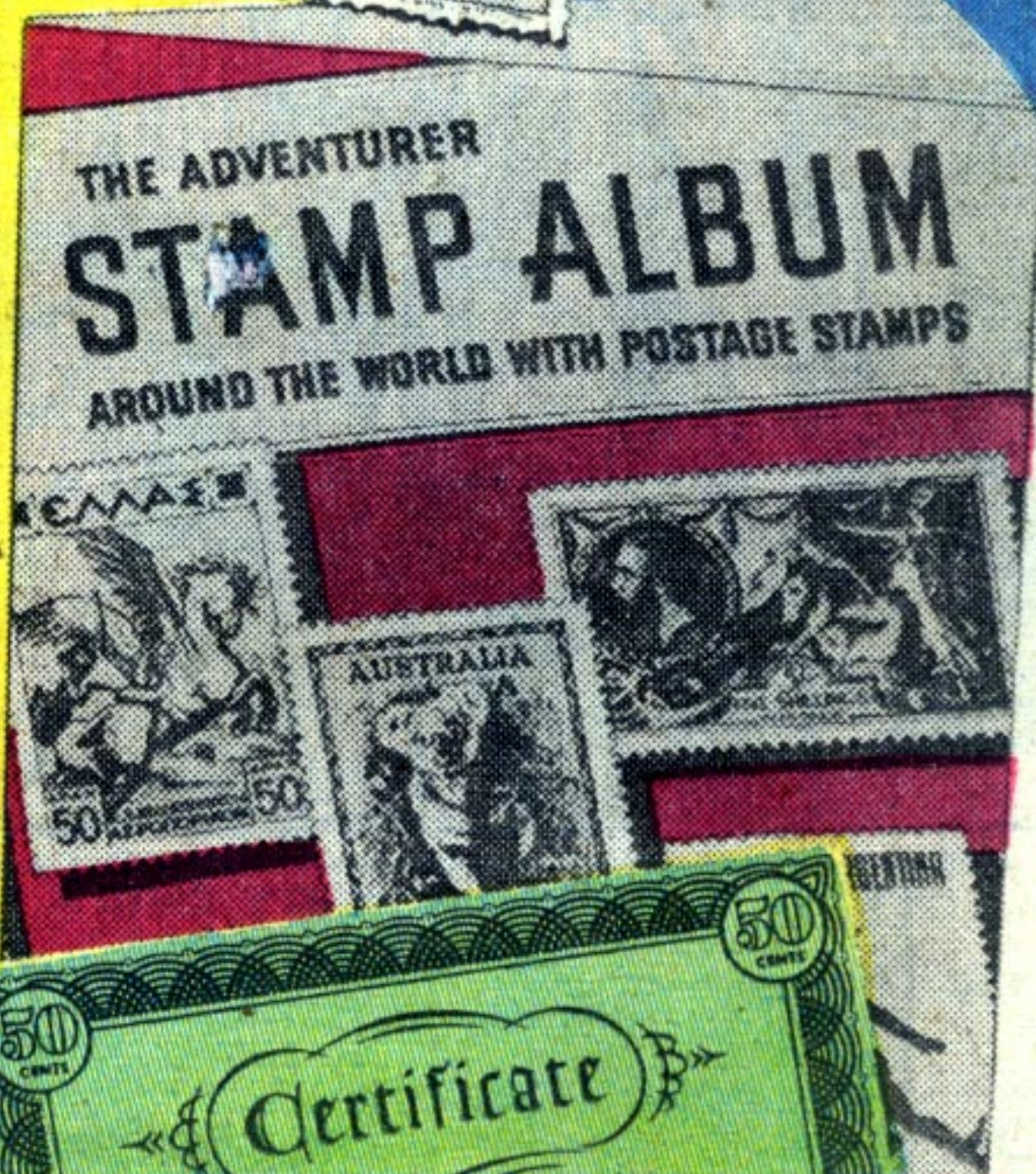
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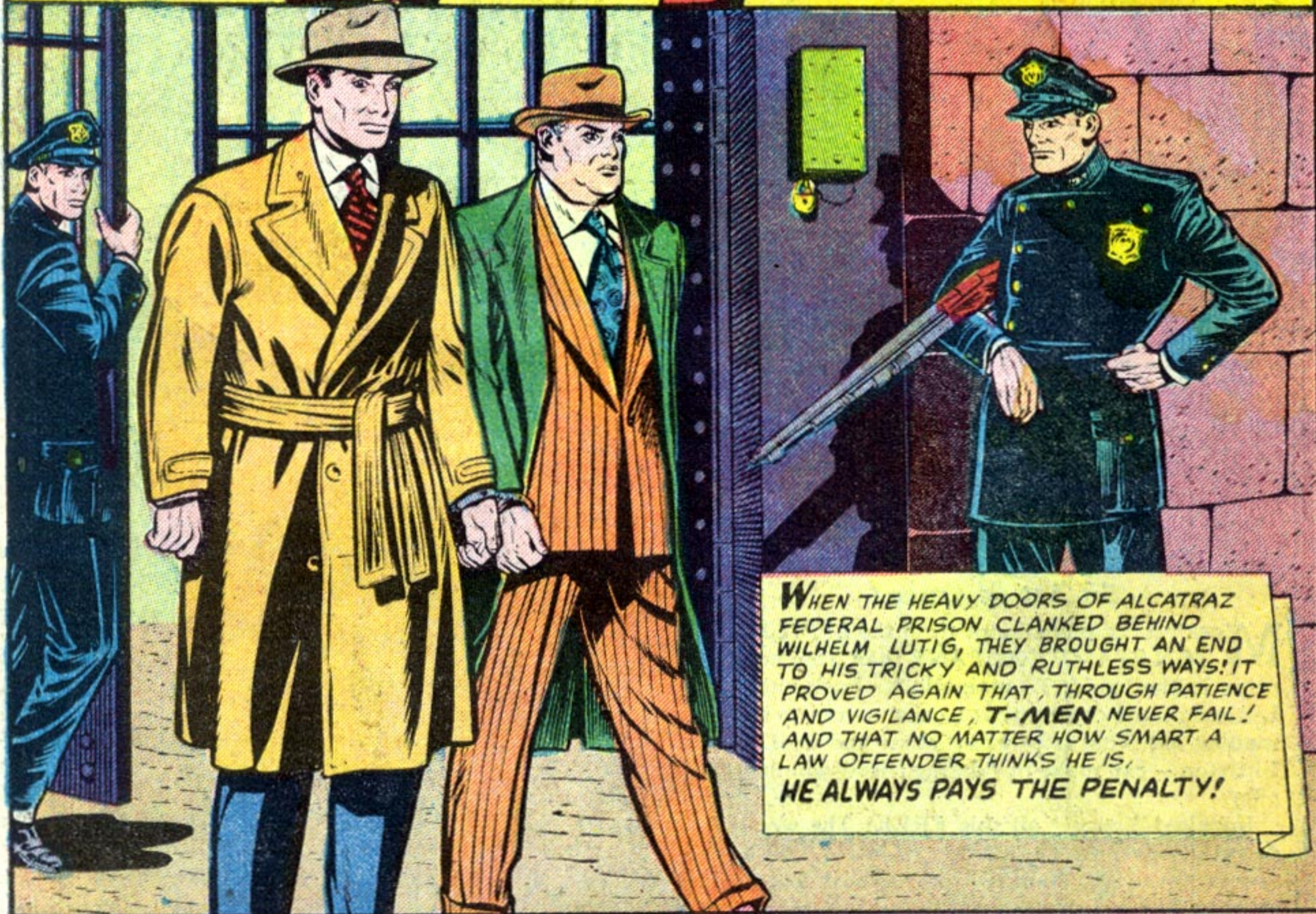
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WHEN THE HEAVY DOORS OF ALCATRAZ FEDERAL PRISON CLANKED BEHIND WILHELM LUTIG, THEY BROUGHT AN END TO HIS TRICKY AND RUTHLESS WAYS! IT PROVED AGAIN THAT, THROUGH PATIENCE AND VIGILANCE, **T-MEN** NEVER FAIL! AND THAT NO MATTER HOW SMART A LAW OFFENDER THINKS HE IS, HE ALWAYS PAYS THE PENALTY!

T-MEN WERE HOT ON THE TRAIL OF THE MOST ELUSIVE CRIMINAL IN THE ANNALS OF THE SECRET SERVICE!

THERE HE GOES! THAT'S LUTIG!

HMM! HE'S QUITE A SWELL! SEEMS PRETTY SURE OF HIMSELF! HIDING IN THAT HOTEL AND WALKING OUT SO NONCHALANTLY!



MEN LIKE HIM ARE ALWAYS SURE OF THEMSELVES! THEY THINK THEY CAN KEEP ON EVADING THE LAW! BUT WE'LL GET HIM!

THERE HE GOES! SHOULD WE WATCH HIM?





AND HOW WE'LL WATCH HIM, THEN WE'LL GET THE GOODS ON HIM! IT TAKES PATIENCE TO BE A T-MAN!

I'M BE-GINNING TO FIND THAT OUT!

The VIGIL CON-TINUED! WILHELM LUTIG WAS UN-AWARE THAT THE SECRET SERVICE MEN WERE WATCH-ING HIM SO CLOSE-LY! ONE NIGHT...



TO 74TH AND BROADWAY! RIGHT AWAY! I'M TO MEET A MAN THERE!

CERTAINLY, MR. LUTIG!



LET'S GO! THIS MAY BE IT!

I HOPE SO! I HATE TO SEE SUCH A VILE CHARACTER GO FREE! C'MON, WE'VE GOT TO FOLLOW HIM!

LUTIG WAS UNAWARE OF HIS PURSUERS! HE WAS WATCHED AND THE TREASURY AGENTS CAUGHT HIM WITH THE GOODS! BUT NOT EXACTLY THE WAY THEY HAD PLANNED! WHEN A MESSENGER CAME UP WITH TWO TRAVELLING BAGS...



I WAS SUPPOSED TO GIVE YOU THESE, MR. LUTIG!

THAT'S RIGHT! HERE'S A TIP!



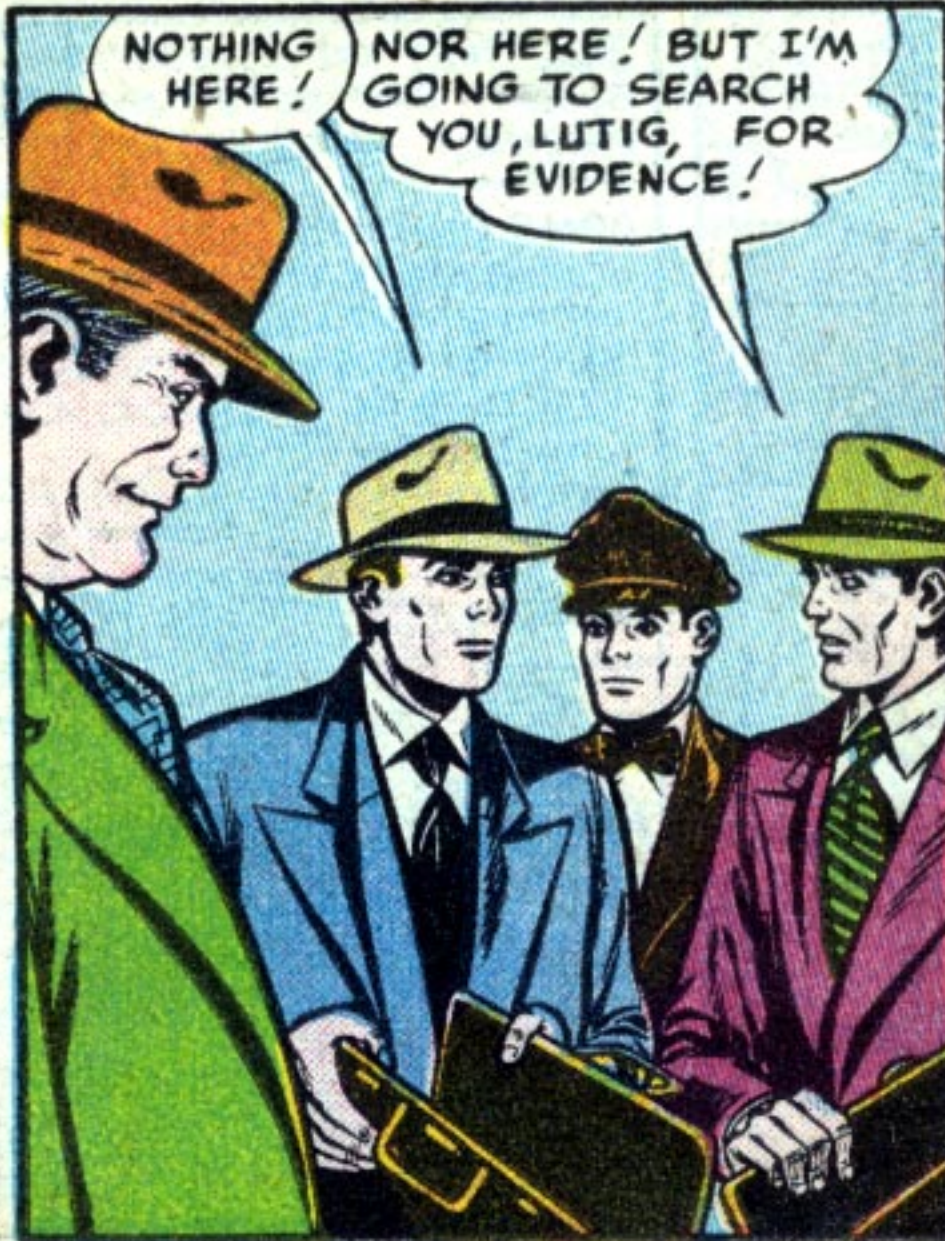
HOLD IT, LUTIG! I'M ARRESTING YOU ON THE SUSPICION OF PEDDLING COUNTERFEIT MONEY! WE'RE WITH THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT!

GO AHEAD! ARREST ME! FOR WHAT?



I'M CHECKING THESE BAGS FOR EVIDENCE! WE KNOW YOU'RE TIED UP WITH WATTS! WE KNOW HE'S A MAN FROM NEBRASKA WHO'S DOING YOUR PRINTING!

YOU KNOW A LOT! PROVE IT!



NOTHING HERE!

NOR HERE! BUT I'M GOING TO SEARCH YOU, LUTIG, FOR EVIDENCE!



GO AHEAD!



YOU WON'T FIND ANYTHING!

MAYBE I HAVE! IT'S A KEY TO A LOCKER AT THE TIMES SQUARE STATION! AT LEAST, WE'LL LOOK INTO THIS!



COME ON! LET'S GO!

OKAY! BUT YOU'RE MAKING A BIG MISTAKE!



THE ENGRAVING PLATES FOR COUNTERFEIT MONEY! AND I'D SAY ABOUT FIFTY GRAND IN THE GREEN GOODS!

THOSE DON'T BELONG TO ME!

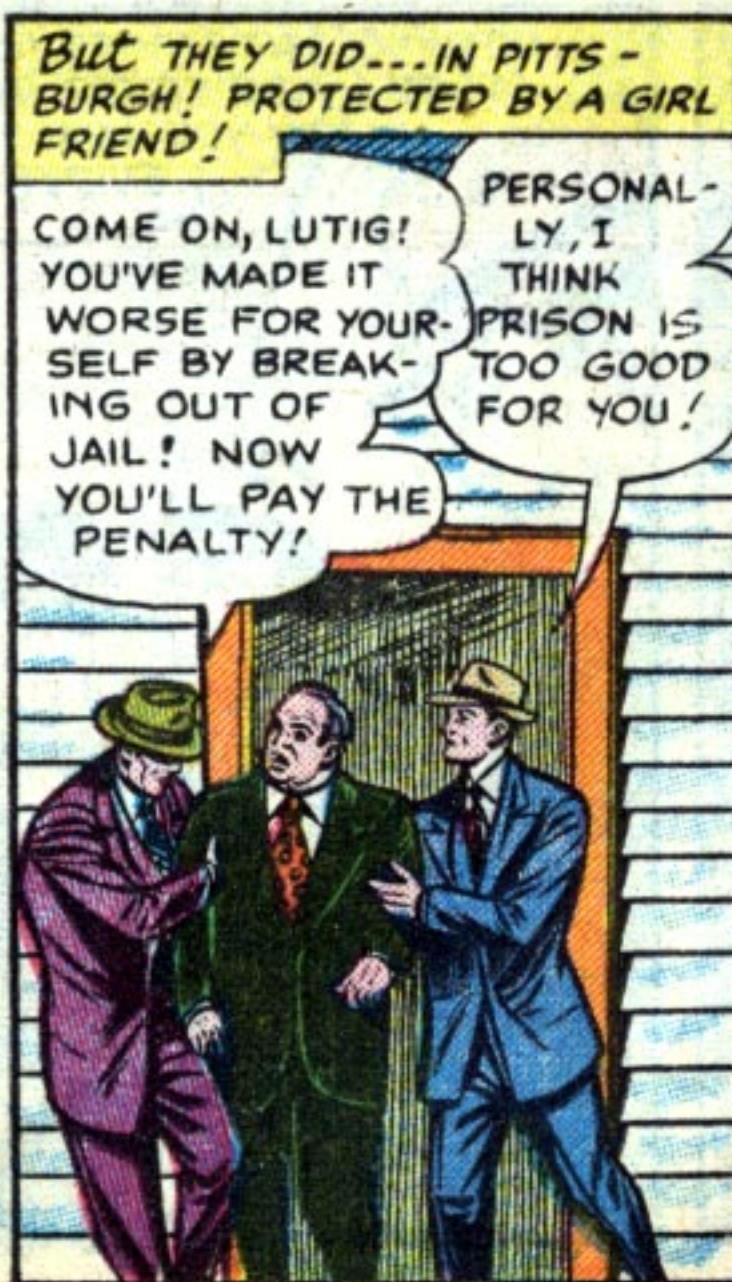


YES, THEY DO! TO YOU AND YOUR PAL ENGRAVER, WATTS! DO YOU DENY IT?

I DON'T SAY ANYTHING!



I'LL GET AWAY! I'M TOO SMART FOR THEM! THEY HAVEN'T STOPPED ME YET! THEY WON'T!



BUT THEY DID... IN PITTSBURGH! PROTECTED BY A GIRL FRIEND!

COME ON, LUTIG! YOU'VE MADE IT WORSE FOR YOURSELF BY BREAKING OUT OF JAIL! NOW YOU'LL PAY THE PENALTY!

PERSONALLY, I THINK PRISON IS TOO GOOD FOR YOU!



WELL, LUTIG IS FINALLY WHERE HE BELONGS! WHEN THE DOORS OF ALCATRAZ, HERE IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY, CLOSE ON A MAN! WELL...

I KNOW! HE'S HERE TO STAY! TO BE PENNED UP HERE FOR TWENTY YEARS WOULD DRIVE ME CRAZY! LUTIG WON'T LIVE THAT LONG!

THE T-MEN, THEMSELVES, THOUGHT THEY HAD MADE A MISTAKE! BUT THEY HAD MADE THE ARREST AND FELT FORCED TO FOLLOW THROUGH! AND THE KEY LED TO SOMETHING!

WATTS WAS PICKED UP LATER! TOGETHER, HE AND LUTIG SPENT TIME IN THE EASTERN HOUSE OF DETENTION! BUT, BY SIMULATING A WINDOW WASHER, AFTER CUTTING THROUGH A HEAVY SCREEN...

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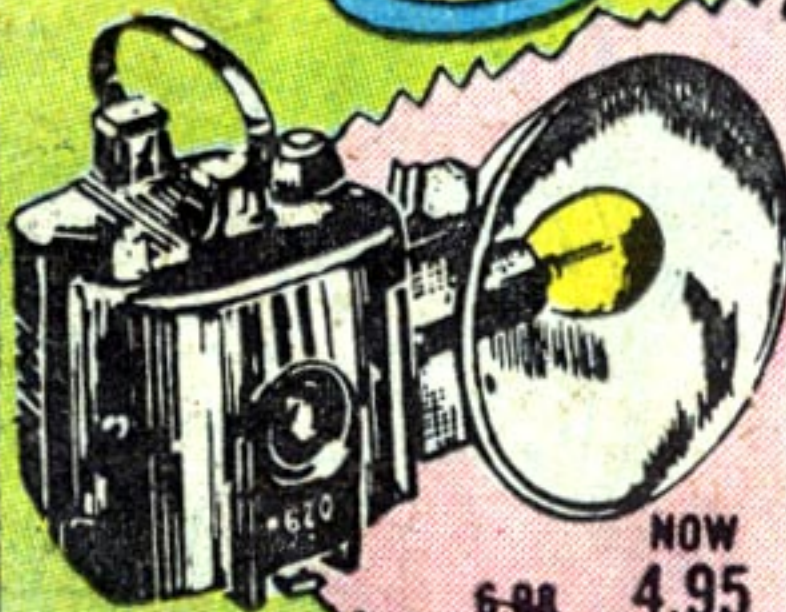
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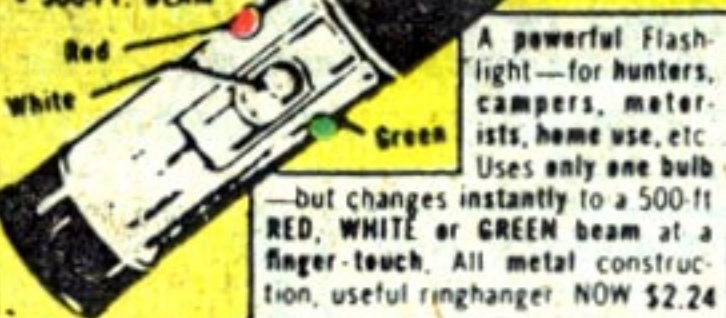
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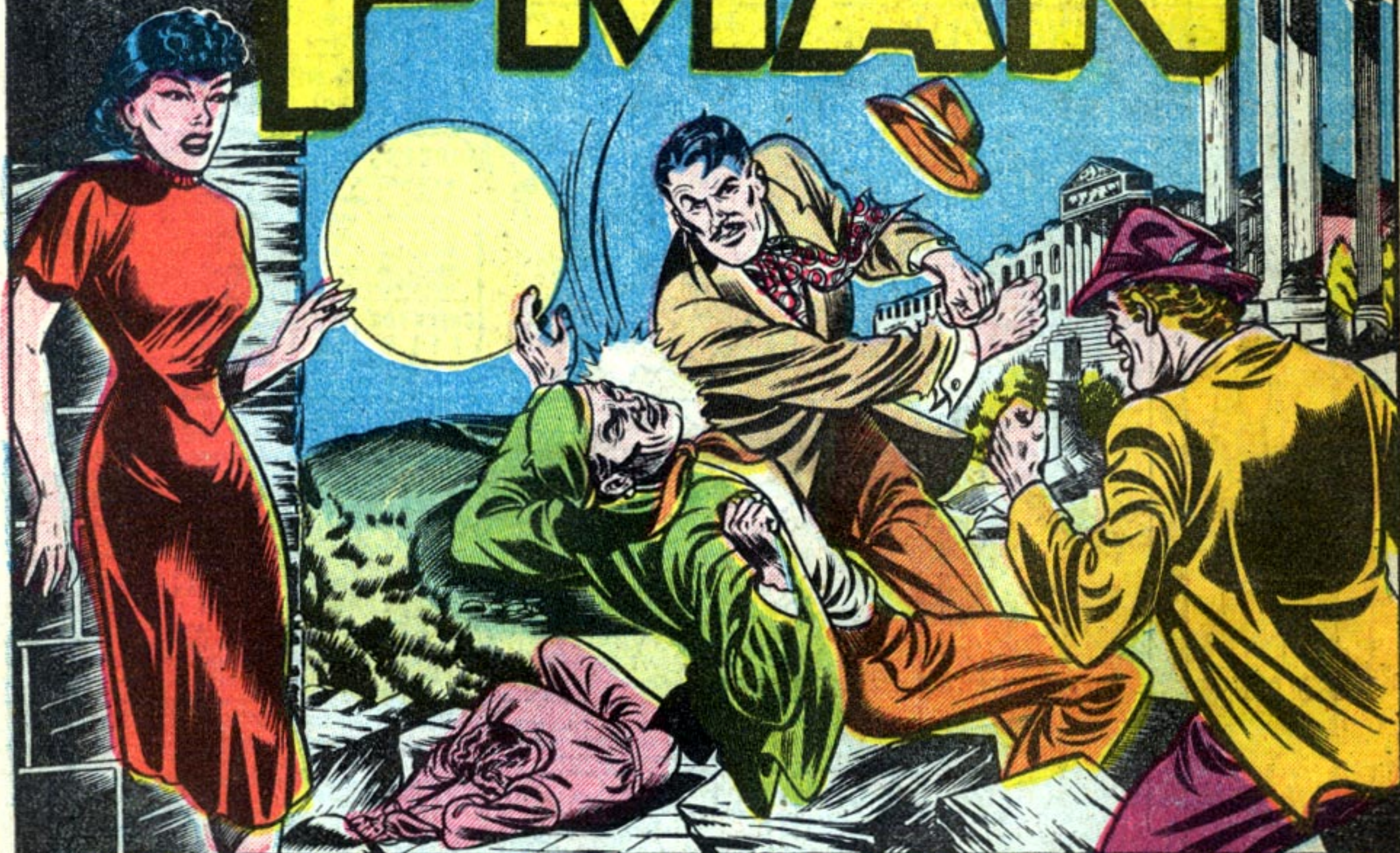
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T-MAN



There's NEVER A DULL MOMENT IN A U.S. TREASURY AGENT'S LIFE! HERE I WAS IN ROME WITH A WEEK TO DO NOTHING BUT RELAX! AND BROTHER, I NEEDED IT AFTER CHASING NASTY CHARACTERS ALL OVER THE WORLD... SO WHAT HAPPENS? NASTY CHARACTERS START CHASING ME ALL OVER ROME! AFTER THIS I DON'T THINK I COULD STAND ANOTHER "T-MAN'S HOLIDAY!"

I WAS STAYING AWAY FROM OUR ROME FIELD OFFICE AT THE TIME, SO I HADN'T HEARD ABOUT THE MURDER OF VITTORIO...

VITTORIO WAS ONE OF OUR AGENTS, AND A GOOD ONE...

CIAO! GIVE ME THE CHIEF WITH ALL HASTE! IT IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE!



SIGNOR, I HAVE THE RECORD! IT IS COMPLETE AND WORSE EVEN THAN WAS FEARED...





The
CHIEF
GOT THERE
ALMOST AS
QUICKLY
AS THE
POLIZZEI...
BUT
IT WAS
STILL
TOO
LATE!



MEANWHILE,
I'LL
GIVE
YOU
THREE
GUESSES
WHAT OLD
MAN
TRASK'S
LITTLE
BOY, PETE,
WAS DOING
IN ROME!



The DOC AND HIS EYE-FILLING ASSISTANT LOOKED SO STARTLED AND GUILTY WHEN I BARGED IN THAT I FIGURED I INTERRUPTED SOMETHING!



AWRRK! SIGNORE, I DID NOT HEAR YOU ENTER!

I'LL GROAN LOUDER NEXT TIME! BUT I'M SURPRISED YOU COULDN'T HEAR THIS TOOTH HOWLING ALL THE WAY UP THE STREET!



I OFFER A THOUSAND REGRETS, SIGNORE, BUT MY OFFICE IS CLOSED!

BUT FOR THE HAND-SOME SIGNORE, IL DOTTORE WILL RE-OPEN IT! SIT IN THE CHAIR, IF YOU PLEASE!



DOC DIDN'T LIKE HAVING HIS DECISION CHANGED, BUT HE GOT TO WORK!

TEMPORARY FILLING, MARLITA! HE CAN RETURN IN ONE WEEK FOR A PERMANENT INLAY!

UG I CAG GUG GAG IG A GEEG, GOGDOR...

CALL IT A SIXTH SENSE, BUT THERE WAS A STRANGE TENSION IN THE AIR! THEN SUDDENLY...



GRAWWK! WHA---?

ALLIED AGENTS, DOCTOR! STAND RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE! AND YOU TOO, MISS! YOU IN THE CHAIR --- STAND UP!



WHY DON'T YOU GO FLY A KITE OVER THE TIBER?

WHA...? PETE TRASK! WHAT IN BLAZES ARE YOU DOING HERE? YOU AREN'T ON THIS CASE, ARE YOU?



I'M NOT ON ANY CASE, CHIEF! I'M JUST TRYING TO GET A TOOTH FIXED SO I CAN ENJOY A FEW DAYS' VACATION!

WELL, SIT RIGHT DOWN, PETE! DOC, GO AHEAD WITH YOUR JOB! IT WILL KEEP YOU OUT OF MISCHIEF WHILE WE LOOK AROUND!

FOR ALL HIS SHAKING, DOC GOT MY TOOTH PATCHED WHILE THE TREASURY BOYS DID A FIRST CLASS JOB AT CASING HIS OFFICE!



YOU H-HAVE NO RIGHT TO MOLEST ME! I WILL COMPLAIN TO YOUR CONSUL!

GO RIGHT AHEAD, DOCTOR! WE'RE USED TO COMPLAINTS! THE GUILTY ALWAYS SQUAWK THE LOUDEST!

BOYS, MEET PETE TRASK, ONE OF OUR TOP INTERNATIONAL AGENTS! I NEVER SAW THE CASE YET THAT PETE COULDN'T CRACK IN 24 HOURS!

OKAY, LAY OFF THE SOFT SOAP! I'M ON LEAVE UNTIL NEXT MONDAY AND I'M GOING TO **STAY** THAT WAY! YOU DON'T SUCK **ME** INTO THIS!



PLEASE, SIGNORE, ALL THIS HAS UPSET ME SO I DO NOT DO MY BEST! YOU MUST RETURN TOMORROW MORNING AND I WILL BE STEADY AGAIN!

I'LL BE HERE, DOC! DON'T SWIPE ANY INTERNATIONAL SECRETS UNTIL YOU'VE GOT MY TOOTH FIXED!



TALK ABOUT COINCIDENCE! YOU PICK THE ONE DENTIST WE KNOW IS MESSED UP IN A DIRTY RED SPY RACKET!

DON'T TELL ME ABOUT IT! I DON'T EVEN WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU BIRDS WERE LOOKING FOR IN THERE!



HAVE IT YOUR WAY, PETE! I CAN'T SAY I BLAME YOU! REMEMBER ONE OF MY AGENTS, VITTORIO ALCINI? YOU WORKED WITH HIM ONCE ---

SURE! ON THAT CELLINI BOMB CASE! A SMART BOY, AND GOOD LOOKING, TOO!



NOT ANY MORE, PETE! DOC LONTARO'S MEN GOT HIM! SO LONG, PETE! HAVE FUN ON YOUR WEEK OFF!



HAVE FUN, HE SAYS! GAHH! THE LUG KNEW BLAMED WELL HE'D WRECKED ANY CHANCE I HAD OF RELAXING!

BUT THE SIGNORE HAS TOUCHED NOTHING! IS ANYTHING WRONG?

YEAH, BUT NOTHING A CHÉF CAN FIX! I JUST LOST MY APPETITE!



I'll A FINE FURY, I HIKED PAST THE VICTOR EMMANUEL MONUMENT, INTO THE RUINS OF ANCIENT ROME!

OKAY, I SURRENDER! IN THE MORNING I'LL CHECK WITH THE CHIEF BEFORE I GO BACK TO THAT JAW-BUTCHER! MAYBE I CAN HELP! BUT TONIGHT IS MINE AND I'M GOING TO USE IT FOR RELAXING!







But NOTHING LIKE THE WAY I FOOLED HIM WHEN HE JUMPED UP FOR WHAT HE THOUGHT WAS GOING TO BE AN EASY KILL!



I WANTED HIM ALIVE TO TALK, BUT THE MOONLIGHT SPOILED MY AIM! HE WAS ALIVE, BUT COLDER THAN AN ESKIMO'S BREAKFAST! POLICE WHISTLES WERE SHRILLING!



THERE WAS NOTHING ON MY PISTOL-PACKING PAL TO IDENTIFY HIM!

HOLD HIM INCOMMUNICADO, SIGNORE, AND NOTIFY THE TREASURY FIELD OFFICE!

SI, SI! HE WILL TALK TO NO ONE BUT YOUR CHIEF, I PROMISE!



I STARTED TO TURN AWAY AND SUDDENLY---

HEY! WELL, IF IT ISN'T THE QUEEN OF THE TOOTH-PLASTERER'S UNION! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

PLEASE, SIGNORE, I SOUGHT YOU EVERY WHERE, AND THEN I HEARD SHOTS AND BUT FOLLOWED THE CROWD!





I PLANTED MARLITA IN FRONT OF A GLASS AND EXCUSED MYSELF TO MAKE A CALL! LATE AS IT WAS, THE CHIEF WAS AT OUR OFFICE!



SHE LED ME BACK TO THE DENTIST'S OFFICE, NOW DARK AS A GRAVE!

SHHH! YOU ARE SURE THERE IS NO ONE HIDING ALONG THE STREET?

NOBODY BUT US STREET LAMPS, HONEY! LEAD ON! YOU'VE GOT ME ALL ATwitter!

DR. LONTARO

QUICK! GO IN FIRST, WHILE I LOOK AROUND ONCE MORE!

THAT'S SOUND STRATEGY, HONEY, BUT I'VE GOT A CUTER IDEA!

YOU GO FIRST!

EEEE...

NOW ISN'T THAT A SILLY WAY TO GREET A LADY?

EEEOW! WE HAVE BEEN TRICKED!

YOU AREN'T KIDDING!

OWOOO!

CRACK!

REACH FOR ANY MORE GUNS AND YOU'LL GET WORSE THAN TRICKED!

DONKEYS! STUPID GOATS!

KEEP OUT OF LINE, MARLITA! YOU MONKEYS LINE UP FACING THE WALL, HANDS UP HIGH!



KEEP AWAY FROM THAT...EEEOWW!

KLUNK!



FROM THE CORNER OF MY EYE I SAW MARLITA REACH FOR THE PIVOTED DENTAL LAMP --- BUT I COULDN'T MOVE FAST ENOUGH TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT!

SPY! I WILL KILL HIM...!

STOP IT, YOU FOOL!



YOUR STUPID BUNGLING HAS RUINED OUR WORK NOW! LEAVE THE FILM WHERE IT IS FOR THE MOMENT AND LISTEN TO ME!

BUT SIGNORINA, ALIVE HE IS A MENACE TO US ALL!



DOLT! ALIVE HE IS OUR HOSTAGE TO GUARANTEE US SAFE FLIGHT TO A NEW HEADQUARTERS!

SISTER, IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN MY LILY-WHITE BODY TO KEEP YOUR CUTE NECK OUT OF A NOOSE! YOU'RE ALL WASHED UP!



I KNEW YOU WERE DOC'S BOSS FROM THE MOMENT YOU ORDERED HIM TO FIX MY TOOTH! YOU WERE AFRAID OF AROUSING SUSPICION BY TURNING ME AWAY! DOC WAS PANICKY OVER THE MICROFILM!

THAT'S WHY HE NEARLY FAINTED WHEN I WALKED IN QUIETLY! I'VE BEEN AHEAD OF YOU ALL THE WAY UP TO THAT LIGHT TRICK!

AND NOW, MY SMART T-MAN, WE ARE AHEAD OF YOU WITH OUR TRICK!



BY THAT TIME I HAD MY TOE WHERE I WANTED IT, HOOKED ONTO THE LAMP CORD! SO I KICKED, DUCKED AND SLUGGED --- ALL AT ONCE!

NOW TRY MY LIGHT TRICK!

EEEOWW!

SOCK! BAM! WHAM!



IT WAS AS JOLLY AS A FREE FOR ALL FOR ABOUT THREE MINUTES! I COULD HIT ANYTHING I SAW AND KNOW IT WASN'T A FRIEND!



GRAB HIM, YOU FOOLS!

AGHHH!



BUT IT WAS TOO GOOD TO KEEP TO MYSELF!

AWRIGHT, BREAK IT UP, BREAK IT UP!

AW, NUTS! JUST WHEN I HAD THIS RAT IN THE KIND OF HOLD I WANTED!

I FIGURED YOU GUYS WERE HIDING AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE! YOU CAN QUESTION THOSE THUGS AND FIND OUT WHICH ONE KILLED VITTORIO!

YEAH, YEAH! WE CAN HANDLE ALL THAT! NOW GET DOWN TO BUSINESS!

THE IMPORTANT THING IS... WHERE IS THAT MICROFILM OF THEIR ORDERS FOR THE BIG UPRISING? YOU SAID YOU KNEW!

I SHOULD KNOW! I'VE BEEN CARRYING IT INSIDE MY HOLLOW TOOTH ALL EVENING!

FIGURE IT OUT! THERE I WAS AND THERE YOU WERE! WHAT BETTER HIDING PLACE THAN UNDER THE PLASTER OF A TEMPORARY FILLING?

HOLY SMOKE! NO WONDER DOC ALMOST WENT NUTS WHEN HE FOUND OUT THE GUY HE USED FOR A STOOGUE WAS OUR TOP T-MAN! OKAY, BOYS---



HEY! WHAT TH...? GET AWAY FROM ME, YOU WISE GUYS! I WANT A DENTIST! WAIT!

RELAX, PETE! BOB, HERE, TOOK DENTAL TRAINING YEARS AGO! THIS WON'T HURT YOU... MUCH! THINK OF YOUR VACATION!

HERE IT IS! IT'S JUST AS I TOLD YOU, BOYS... ONCE PETE GETS HIS **TEETH** INTO A CASE, IT'S AS GOOD AS SOLVED!

OKAY, YOU WISE APPLES! HAVE YOUR FUN! BUT I'VE STILL GOT SIX DAYS OF MY LEAVE LEFT AND **YOU'VE** ALL GOT TO **WORK!**



Remember the Blonde

THE fog almost hid the figure of the big man as he walked quickly along the city street. At the corner, the lights from the all night drugstore cut into the murk and outlined him more distinctly. He turned into the store and headed for the phone booths, flipping down his coat collar and looking hastily about as he went. Inside the booth, he breathed a sigh of relief and slipped a dime into the coin box.

"Field Office, Treasury Department," the crisp efficiency of the operator's voice gave Ed Ewing the feeling of confidence he needed at this time. "Give me the Chief, Dotty," said Ed. Moments later the Chief was on the phone. "I've been waiting for your call since ten, Ed. You had us worried down here. Any complications?" asked the Chief. "Nothing serious, Chief. I had a tough time getting out without arousing their suspicions," replied Ed. "Big Jim is destroying the plates tonight and the artist is delivering the new ones at three a.m. Molly is out of town, I don't know where. But if you close in on the warehouse at three, we can pick up everybody but her." The Chief interrupted, "We can locate her later if necessary. Didn't you say she wasn't too bright?" "That's right," answered Ed. "Dumb as they come, but a blonde looker. That's why Big Jim keeps her around. It was a slip on her part that led us to these counterfeiters to begin with." "You're doing a fine job, Ed," said the Chief. "It's a miracle that you've fooled them for this long. But in a few hours, it'll all be over. Where are you calling from this time?" "I'm at the corner drugstore again, and since I'm supposed to be out for cigarettes, I'd better sign off and get back." "Check," said the Chief, "we'll move in at three." The connection severed, Ed moved out of the phone booth and over to the counter. The clerk recognized him, "Bad night," he said. "Same brand?" "That's right," replied Ed. Then he heard the door open. It was the phone booth next to the one he had been in. He heard the rustle and click click of a woman walking. She stopped next to him. "The plan's changed, Eddie," drawled Molly softly. "We're going to take a trip into the country, out to Big Jim's farm. Too bad you can't call your friends and tell them that, too." Ed froze on the spot. He reached mechanically for the cigarettes held out by the sleepy-eyed drug clerk. The clerk perked up a little at the sight of the good looking blonde, now clinging to Ed's side. Ed felt Molly's snub-nosed revolver in his ribs. He walked along quietly. Outside the drugstore, Molly spoke again, "I used to be kinda soft on you, Eddie boy, but saying I was dumb wasn't very nice. I don't think I like you anymore." "So you heard all that," replied Ed. "Yeah. Now let's step along. Big Jim's car is around the corner. Good thing he got suspicious tonight and sent me after you. I came in just as you were leavin'!" Ed's mind flew over the past weeks. He'd been assigned to work his way in with this gang of phoney money passers and up to now, all had gone well. Tonight they were moving from count-

erfeit tens to twenties. And it was set to catch everyone, the engraver, the artist, the big shots, and now it was muffed by a stupid, little blonde. "How could she have slipped into that booth without me hearing her," thought Ed frantically. "Well, too late to worry now."

They were at the car. Behind them was another small black sedan, the whole mob was assembled. Inside, Ed found himself seated next to Big Jim. Molly hopped in and babbled the whole story. Big Jim nodded silently all the way through it. "You fooled me, Eddie, and I don't like to get fooled," he said menacingly. "Tonight we'll destroy you and the plates together. Kind of a poetic justice in it, don't you think? Afterwards we'll skip. My plane's at the farm, we'll fly away like birds. You T-Men won't score this time, Eddie." Ed Ewing made no reply. He thought, in desperation, of the men closing in on the abandoned warehouse. Then he searched his mind frantically in the hope that he had mentioned Big Jim's farm in his reports. He had. But only briefly. Big Jim liked the role of gentleman farmer and kept his agricultural pursuits apart from his counterfeiting business. The farm would occur to the Chief, but not in time, not in time!

After an hour of silent riding, they pulled into the long drive leading up to the handsome farmhouse. Inside, Big Jim ordered everybody into the downstairs room. There, in the kiln, set at white heat, he started to melt down the plates for the ten dollar bills he had been spreading across the country. The artist handed him the new plates. Big Jim smiled with satisfaction as he looked them over. "This will mean a new start in another part of the world." He looked at Ed. "We'll miss you, Eddie. Too bad you won't be going on this holiday with us." Then he turned to the muscle man at his side. "Let me have your gun, Chuck," he said slowly. "I want the pleasure of doing this job myself." Perspiration stood out on Ed's face. He stood, his back to the wall, his hands now tied behind his back. He was powerless to move. Cold fear gripped him as he watched the .38 aimed in his direction.

Suddenly, from the darkened doorway, snapped the command, "Drop it, Big Jim. This makes it counterfeiting and attempted murder. A hard rap to beat." Ed went limp with relief as the T-Men streamed into the room.

Later, in the Chief's office after Ed received his commendation, the Chief explained, "I decided when I didn't hear from you on schedule tonight, to stake out both the warehouse and the farm, and we covered that drugstore minutes after you left. The clerk remembered the blonde girl. She must have made quite an impression because he remembered what she said, word for word." Ed laughed, "Molly put us onto this deal and she led us out again. I'd say it pays to remember the blonde."

THE DOPE RING and REVOLUTION

Based on a true case of U.S. Treasury Agents.

SURE, I CAN GET YOU ALL THE HEROIN YOU WANT! BUT NOT FOR CASH! FOR GUNS!

WHY THAT?

EVEN AS T-MEN WORKED TO SPRING THE TRAP ON A RING OF NARCOTICS SMUGGLERS, THEY LACKED THE ANSWER TO ONE MYSTERIOUS QUESTION! WHY DID THE MEN WANT WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION INSTEAD OF MONEY? WHY WOULD THEY ONLY DO BUSINESS BY TRADING DOPE FOR GUNS?

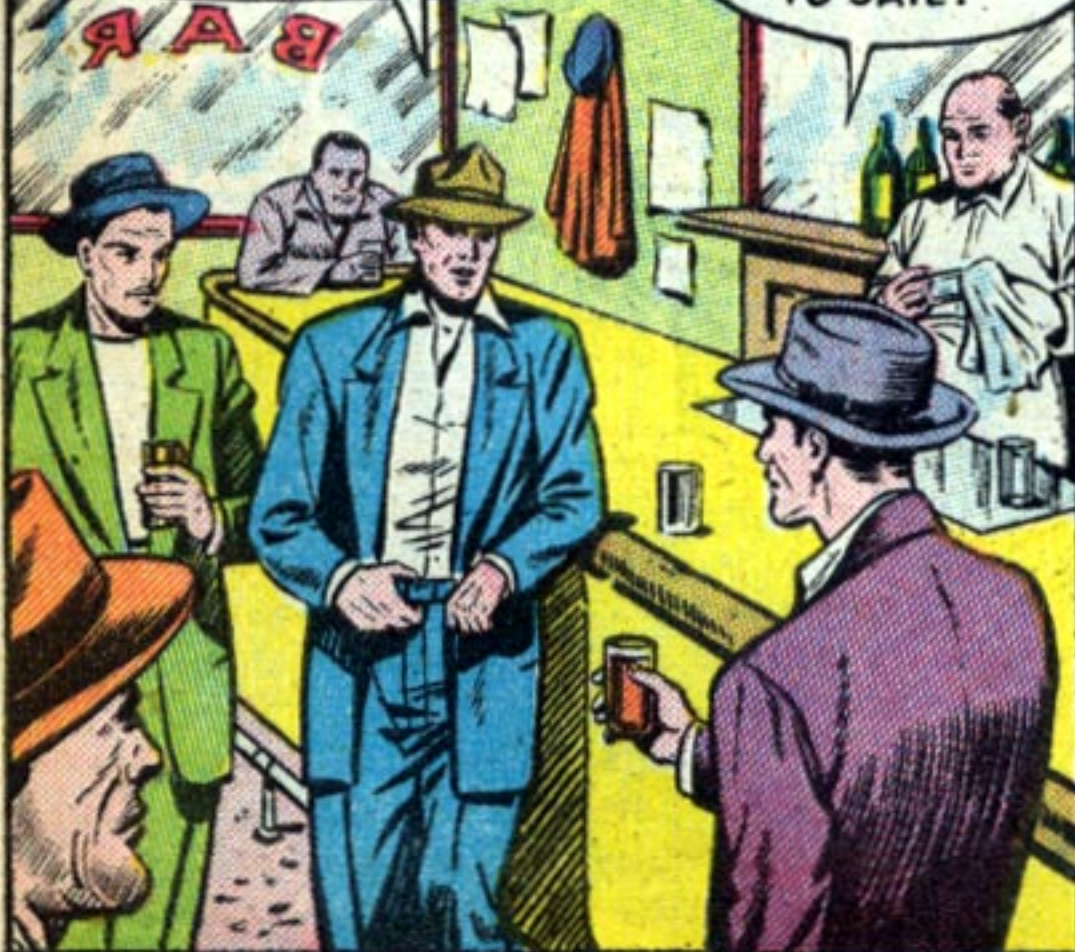
A MAN WHO CALLED HIMSELF TOM ROCCOLA WORKED IN THE NEW ORLEANS UNDER-WORLD! AS A BOOKIE! AND EVERYONE WHO KNEW HIM HAD HEARD HIS STORY!

I WAS SENDING A LOAD OF DOPE ACROSS THE COUNTRY, YOU SEE! AND THE BLASTED T-MEN CLOSED IN!

YEAH, WE KNOW! TOOK ALL THE STUFF AND SENT YOUR MEN TO JAIL!

THAT'S RIGHT! I'M OUT THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS! AND WHAT'S WORSE, MY SOURCE OF SUPPLY WAS KNOCKED OUT!

TOUGH LUCK! BUT SKIP THAT! HOW ABOUT TAKING SOME BETS FOR ME ON THE HORSES?



ROCCOLA'S CUSTOMERS DIDN'T KNOW THAT HE WAS ACTUALLY A T-MAN, WORKING HIS WAY INTO THEIR CONFIDENCE TO GET A LEAD ON SMUGGLERS WHO WERE BRINGING IN HEROIN FROM HONDURAS! FINALLY...

WANT TO SEE ME ABOUT PUTTING SOME MONEY ON THE MAGS, STRANGE?

YEAH! THAT AND SOMETHING ELSE! COME ON OUTSIDE!

I MAY BE ABLE TO HELP YOU OUT A LITTLE ON SOME DOPE! ARE YOU INTERESTED?

YOU KNOW, I AM! WHAT'S THE DEAL?



THE BALL WAS ROLLING! ROCCOLA BOUGHT FROM EARL STRANGE FOR A WHILE AND THEN MET ONE OF THE BIG-WIGS IN THE NARCOTICS BUSINESS, SAM CAROLLA!

YOU SEE, STRANGE HERE CAN'T SUPPLY ALL I WANT! HE THOUGHT MAYBE YOU COULD FIX ME UP!

MAYBE! I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO!



THE NEW ORLEANS FEDERAL NARCOTICS BUREAU FOUND THAT CAROLLA WAS PRESIDENT OF THE POYDRAS FRUIT COMPANY AND IT ADDED UP!

HIS SHIP GASTON MAKES REGULAR TRIPS BETWEEN HONDURAS AND NEW ORLEANS! THIS IS THE LINK I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR!



WE KNOW THAT MEMBERS OF THE HONDURAS GOVERNMENT IMPORTED ENOUGH HEROIN TO SUPPLY THEIR MEDICAL NEEDS FOR THE NEXT FIFTY YEARS!

WE KNOW THAT SOME OF IT HAS BEEN SMUGGLED INTO THIS COUNTRY, RIGHT HERE IN NEW ORLEANS! I THINK I'M ON THE RIGHT TRACK!



OTHER T-MEN WERE WORKING, TOO! POSING AS CROOKS! ONE NIGHT...

HI, ROCCOLA! COME AND JOIN US! MEET JURICH! HE'S IN OUR RACKET!

YEAH? DOING ANY GOOD?





OKAY! THINK I MADE THIS WAD JUST BY WORKING ON A SHRIMP BOAT? WE DEAL WITH IMPORTANT PEOPLE! LOOK AT THESE NAMES!

HMMM! THEY'RE BIG-SHOTS IN HONDURAS, ALL RIGHT! BUT I DON'T GET THE CONNECTION!



LOOK! I'VE GOT SOME DOUGH, TOO! HOW MUCH STUFF CAN I BUY?

MONEY'S NO GOOD! IT TAKES MORE THAN MONEY! YOU'D BETTER SEE THE BOSS ABOUT THIS! I'LL ARRANGE IT!

THE T-MEN AGREED TO GO! FIRST OF ALL, TO GET MORE INFORMATION! THEN TO FIND OUT WHAT IT TOOK, INSTEAD OF MONEY, TO GET ALL THE HEROIN THEY WANTED FROM HONDURAS!



THE BOSS IS PAUSINA! HE'S ON THE YOUNG CHAMPION! THAT'S A SHRIMP BOAT OUT IN THE GULF!

GUESS IT PAYS TO PLAY IT SAFE, HUH, JURICH?

PAUSINA APPEARED TO BE A BIG MAN IN THE RACKET! AND HE TRUSTED THE T-MEN AS SOME OF HIS OWN KIND!

ROCCOLA, WHY DON'T YOU AND YOUR GANG GO TO HONDURAS? YOU'LL MEET MEN WHO ARE PLANNING BIG THINGS!

WE COULDN'T MAKE ARRESTS IN HONDURAS SO THAT WOULDN'T HELP!



NO! IF YOU DON'T WANT TO SELL, I HAVE OTHER CONNECTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES! I CAN GET ALL I WANT!

AND I CAN GET YOU ALL YOU WANT... ONLY NOT FOR MONEY! YOU DON'T HAVE WHAT WE NEED!



WHAT DO YOU NEED?

GUNS!



WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION! RIFLES, MACHINE GUNS, AIRPLANE MACHINE GUNS!

BUT WHY?

Why?

THAT WAS THE BIG QUESTION! WHY HAD THE HONDURAS OFFICIALS BOUGHT THE HEROIN IN THE FIRST PLACE? WHY WERE THEY SMUGGLING IT INTO THE UNITED STATES? NOW WHY DID THEY WANT GUNS?

I'LL TELL YOU WHY! IMPORTANT PEOPLE ARE PLANNING TO OVER-THROW THE GOVERNMENT!

A REVOLUTION?

RIGHT! THEN THEY'LL HAVE CONTROL OF THE NARCOTICS TRAFFIC THROUGH LEGITIMATE CHANNELS! RUN BY THE GOVERNMENT! CAN YOU GET WHAT WE WANT?

I'M NOT SURE, PAUSINA! BUT WE'LL TRY AND LET YOU KNOW!

A REVOLUTION WAS MORE THAN THE T-MEN HAD BARGAINED FOR! SMUGGLING DOPE WAS ONE THING! AN UP-RISING WAS ANOTHER! THE COAST GUARD WAS SUMMONED TO DUTY AND ONE NIGHT...

THERE'S THE GASTON, DUMPING A LOAD ON THAT SMALL ISLAND!

THIRTY-FIVE MILES FROM NEW ORLEANS! AND A SMALL BOAT'S HEADED THIS WAY!

IT'S A SHRIMP BOAT! LOOKS AS IF IT'S GOING TO THAT SAME SPOT ON THE ISLAND!

WE'D BETTER REPORT THIS TO THE TREASURY AGENTS IN NEW ORLEANS! THEN WE'LL TRAIL THIS ONE TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS!

T-MEN WERE WATCHING WHEN THE YOUNG CHAMPION UNLOADED ITS CARGO! INFLATED RUBBER BALLOONS!

OVERBOARD HERE?

THAT'S RIGHT! THEN KEEP ON GOING!

SO THAT'S THEIR TRICK! DOPE PACKETS FLOATED TO SHORE IN THINGS THAT LOOK LIKE KIDS' BALLOONS!

IT'S FANTASTIC! AND THE DOPE'S BEING PAID FOR BY WEAPONS OF WAR!

FOR A REVOLUTION! BUT WE'LL STOP THAT! EVERYTHING'S ALL SET FOR OUR MEN TO MAKE ARRESTS!

AND CLOSE IN THE CASE! GOSH, IT'LL FEEL GOOD TO BE A NORMAL HUMAN BEING AGAIN INSTEAD OF A CROOK! WON'T IT, ROCCOLA?

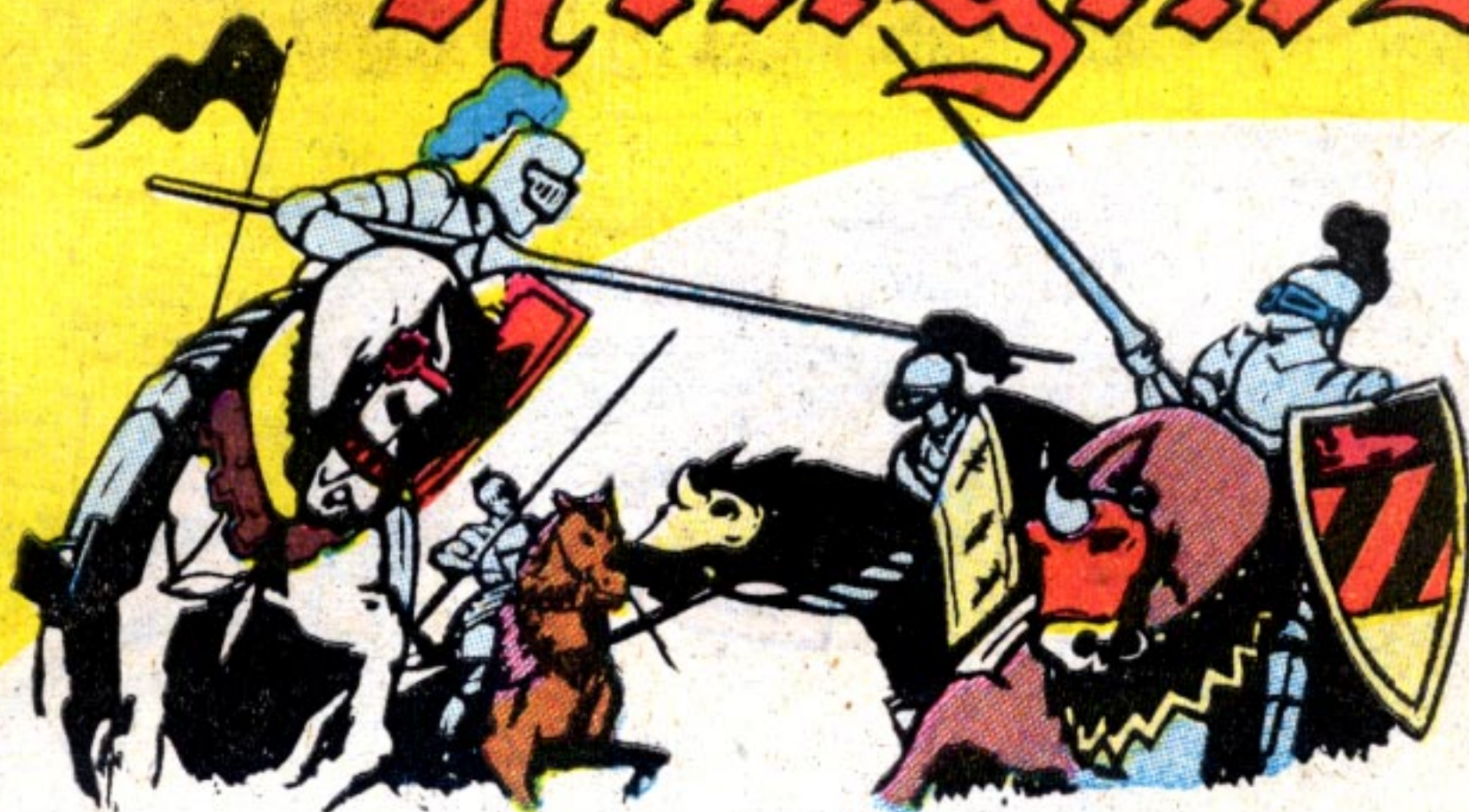
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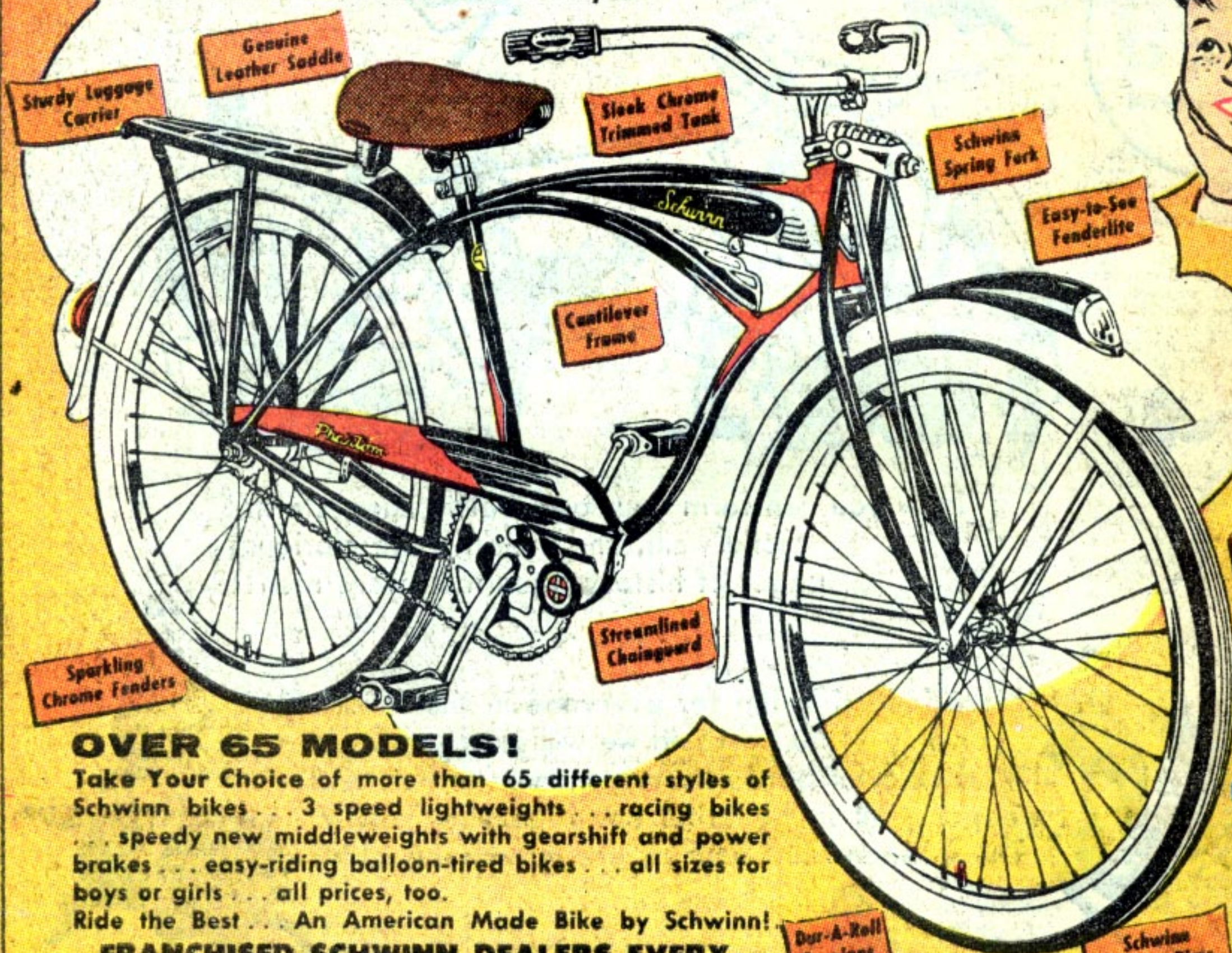
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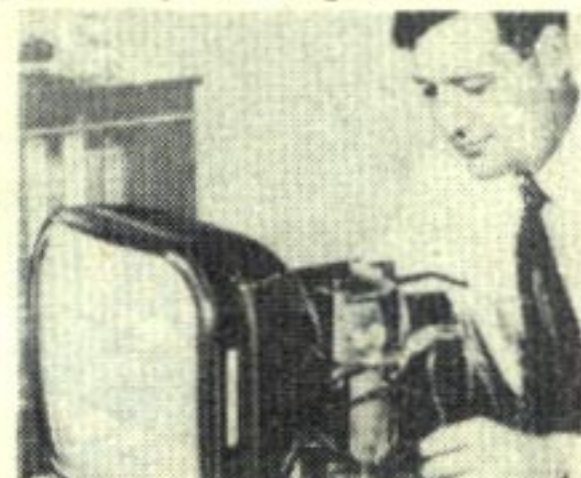


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